

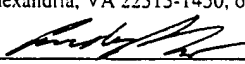


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Steven Teig

Serial No.: 09/739,589

Filing Date: 12/15/2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRE-COMPUTING AND USING  
MULTIPLE PLACEMENT COST  
ATTRIBUTES TO QUANTIFY THE  
QUALITY OF A PLACEMENT  
CONFIGURATION WITHIN A  
PARTITIONED REGION

Examiner: Annette Thompson

Group Art Unit: 2825

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In complete response to the Office Action dated 06/29/2004, attached please find:

1. An Amendment and Response to the Office Action;
2. A Petition for Extension of Time;
3. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached;
4. A Return Receipt Postcard.

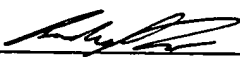
The fee has been calculated as follows:

FOR	NUMBER	NUMBER OVER ALLOTMENT	RATE	CALCULATIONS
ADDED CLAIMS	*	*	x \$18.00	\$*
ADDED INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	*	*	x \$88.00	\$*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$300.00	\$*
<u>1</u> MONTH PETITION FOR EXTENSION FOR REPLY :				\$110.00
Total from Above				\$*
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). The Applicant hereby states that it qualifies as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27				\$0.00
				<b>TOTAL = \$110.00</b>

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1128**.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 29, 2004  
By:

  
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